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Tenth Meeting of the

Bombay Representative Council of Missions

BOMBAY

23rd and 24th November, 1921

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Representatives on National Missionary Council

1922-1924. Mr. D. S. Sawarkar.
MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF

The Bombay Representative Council of Missions

The Bombay Representative Council of Missions met in the Y. W. C. A. Hall, Mayo Road on Wednesday and Thursday, 23rd and 24th November, 1921.

The first half hour of each of the four sessions was a Devotional Half Hour.

1. Roll Call. The following members were present:— Rev. W. Hazen, Mr. T. Escott, Mr. R. A. Adams, Rev. W. Moyser, Rev. J. M. Blough, Dr. Barbara Nickey, Dr. Greenfield, Rev. D. K. Shinde, Rev. R. H. Boyd, Miss Rylance, Rev. B. Schaetti, Rev. C. H. Conley, Rev. W. H. Stephens, Miss Cora Morgan, Miss Gedge, Mr. N. L. Gooden, Rev. D. R. Athavale, Rev. J. S. Otteson, Rev. J. Smith, Rev. J. R. Cuthbert, Miss Gordon, Rev. W. E. Willkie Brown, Mr. Conyers Baker, Miss Wingate, Miss Bevis, The Bishop of Bombay, Rev. J. F. Edwards, Rev. Dr. Hume, Rev. Canon Joshi, Dr. Gurubai Karmarkar, Miss Latham, Rev. L. E. Linzell, Rev. Dr. Macnicol, Rev. J. McKenzie, Bishop Robinson, and Dr. W. J. Wanless.

2. Resolutions of Sympathy. The Council desires to record its deep regret at the death during the past year of Miss Manoramabai Medhavi and its sense of the very great loss that appears to human eyes to have come through her death to the cause of the progress of the Kingdom of God in India. It had seemed as though Miss Manoramabai was peculiarly fitted and had been prepared by all her training and experience to continue the great work that has been carried on for many years by her mother. Her complete devotion to her Lord and her capacity for leadership and power to win the confidence and affection of her fellow-workers seemed to mark her out for the exercise of an influence of a remarkable character in connection with the valuable activities of the Mukti Mission. These hopes have not been permitted to be realised, and the Council, recognizing the loss that mission work in Western India has sustained,
remembers that the wisdom of God is higher than man's. The Council expresses its deep sympathy with its greatly bereaved sister, Pandita Ramabai, and directs that a message of sympathy be conveyed to her and to her fellow-workers.

The Council also expresses its deep sympathy with Rev. and Mrs. L. S. Gates and the American Marathi Mission in the death by accident of Mr. Henry Gates. Mr. Gates had given only a few years to service in India, but he had done so with much eagerness and devotion. His death cuts short a career about which many hopes were gathering and has been a sore blow both to his bereaved parents and to the Mission to which he belonged.

3. The Chairman introduced Mr. J. H. Oldham, Secretary of the International Missionary Committee, who addressed the Council on a variety of matters affecting missionary work which had formed the substance of negotiations with various Governments during the past few years, and also on modern tendencies in Education and their bearing on the position of Christian Colleges and Schools throughout the Mission Field.

4. Executive Committee. The Report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Rev. J. R. Cuthbert and was received.

Notice having been duly given, it was resolved:—

That in Article 9 of the Constitution 'Rs. 25' be changed to 'Rs. 30,' and 'Rs. 10' to 'Rs. 15.' (Article 9 is as follows:— Each participating Mission shall pay a subscription of Rs. 25 per annum for each representative whom it sends to the Council, except that a Mission containing less than five missionaries shall be required to pay only Rs. 10 for its representative. These subscriptions shall be paid in advance not later than the 31st of March in each year)

5. Educational Board. The Report of the Educational Board was presented by the Chairman, the Bishop of Bombay and was received.

It was resolved:—

I. (a) That the Council, without committing itself to the method indicated in the Report by which correlation with the
proposed Women’s Hall be secured, approves the constitution of
the Missionary Settlement for University Women in Bombay set
forth in Appendix II 3 of the Report of the Educational Board.

(b) That the number of members to be elected by the Repre-
sentative Council to the Bombay Committee of the M. S. U. W.
be six, and the number of representatives appointed by the C. M. S.
( the only Society at present cooperating ) be three.

(c) That the new committee shall be constituted and be free
to meet as soon as possible after this meeting of the Representative
Council, and that members now elected shall hold office till 31st.
December, 1922.

II. (a) That the Council is of opinion that the methods and
objects of education for rural populations need to be further
considered and improved by experiment.

(b) That the Council is of opinion that the principal exper-
iments to be carried out concern methods of educating boys and
girls through the practical training of hand and eye and in methods
of observation, either in addition to or largely in supersession of
literary methods; and that, while these experiments are being

carried out, it should be determined whether this practical
education should aim at turning out craftsmen able to earn their
living, and, if so, how such education should be related to the
conditions of life in the villages.

(c) That the Council ask the following missions to consider
whether they are willing to work out in their existing schools, at
the places named or elsewhere, experiments in the training of
children according to the principles suggested in the Village Edu-
cation Report; and that the Educational Board be asked to report
annually on the progress made in such experiments:

Church of the Brethren Ankleswar
S. P. G. Ahmednagar and Hubli
American Marathi Mission Vadala or Sirur, and Sholapur
Methodist Episcopal Nadiad
U. F. Church of Scotland Jalna
Irish Presbyterian Borsad
American Presbyterian Sangli.
(d) That with a view to carrying out these experiments the Council urge that one worker with knowledge and experience in regard to this kind of work should be set apart, either for the whole or a part of his time, by one of the Missions in the Gujarati area and by one in the Marathi area, and that he should be at the service of all the Missions to advise in regard to such experiments and to promote them. The Council suggests Mr. Ross as suitable for the former and Miss Latham for the latter.

(e) That the Council is of opinion that the supply of better teachers is the paramount need for the immediate future, and that, until regular training institutions are formed, teachers in existing rural schools should take short courses in the schools where the new methods are being tried.

(f) That the Council is of opinion that grants from a central inter-mission fund should be made available to enable experiments to be satisfactorily carried out.

III. That the attention of the Missions represented on this Council be drawn to the fact that the authorities of Wilson College are prepared to consider proposals for co-operation with other Missions in the maintenance of the College.

IV. That this Provincial Council would welcome the taking of action by the National Council in the direction of the appointment of advisers on educational matters, who could give expert counsel to all Missions and watch the developments of the educational situation in the interests of the Christian Community and its educational ideals.

V. That the Council recommend to Missions that they search diligently for Indian educational leaders, and make it possible for such to make a thorough study of educational problems, both in India and abroad, in order that they may be fitted to develop a truly Indian and Christian system of education.

VI. Dr. Macnicol reported that in accordance with Resolution I of Minute 7 of the Ninth Meeting of the Council he had communicated with the Missions at work in the Presidency enquiring whether they would be prepared to co-operate in the proposed Scholarship Scheme, and that only a few replies had as yet been received.
It was resolved:—

That the Council hears with sympathy what has been done in the matter of a scheme for scholarships for Indian Christians and that a further report be called for at the next meeting of Council,

6. Language School and Examinations Committee. The Report of the Language School and Examinations’ Committee was presented by the Convener, the Rev. Dr. Macnicol, and was received.

It was resolved:

To thank the Revs. J. F. Edwards and Edward Fairbank for the valuable service they have rendered for a number of years in supervising and managing the Language School at Mahabaleshwar and to express the hope that they will be able to continue to do so; also to thank the examiners who have conducted the examinations and to urge that those who may be invited to undertake this duty should endeavour, if at all possible, to do so.

To ask Messrs. J. F. Edwards and E. Fairbank to prepare detailed proposals with a view to securing accommodation for missionaries attending the Language School at Mahabaleshwar, these to be forwarded through the Language School and Examination Committee to the Executive Committee of Council with a view to their being submitted to Missions for their acceptance, if such a course seems to the Executive Committee to be desirable.

To direct the Language School and Examination Committee to correspond with missionary Councils and Boards with a view to finding whether it is desired that arrangements be made for an optional examination in Hinduism and Muhammadanism in connection with the Language Examinations, and, if there seems to be such a desire, to prepare a syllabus for it with suggestions as to study and, where possible, the provision of lectures on the subjects prescribed.

7. Committee on Survey, Comity and Co-operation. The Report of the Committee on Survey, Comity and Co-operation was presented by the Convener, Mr. R. A. Adams, and was received.
8. Literature Committee (Marathi). The Report of the Marathi Literature Committee, sent by the Convener, Mr. D. S. Sawarkar, was submitted and was received.

_It was resolved:_

That the appointment of Mr. Manohar Krishna Uzagare as a full-time Literary Assistant on a salary of Rs. 100 with Rs. 15 as house rent p. m., made by the Marathi Literature Committee in place of Mr. D. K. Dhalwani, be confirmed with effect from 1st October, 1921.

It was reported that the following communication had been received from the Western India Mission Council of the United Free Church of Scotland: 'Mr. D. S. Sawarkar being now an Honorary Missionary of the United Free Church Mission, this Council agrees that his services be lent to the Bombay Representatives Council of Missions as Literature Missionary.'

9. Literature Committee (Gujarati). The Report of the Gujarati Literature Committee sent by the Convener, the Rev. Dr. Scott, was submitted and was received.

_It was resolved:_

That the appointment by Dr. Scott of a Christian assistant in the work of preparing Christian literature at a salary of Rs. 70 per month be approved.

10. Committee on Public Questions. The Bishop of Bombay, Convener of the Committee on Public Questions, reported that the Committee had not met during the year as no matters which come within the sphere of the Committee had been referred to it, and it had not taken up any subjects at its own instance.

11. Committee on Medical Work. The Report of the Committee on Medical Work was presented by the Convener, Dr. W. J. Wanless, and was received.

_It was resolved:_

1. To approve the scheme proposed by the committee for the establishment of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium located in the British Territory between Miraj and Sangli on the M. & S. M. Railway.
II. The Sanitorium to be known as the Union Mission Sanitorium for the treatment of tuberculous diseases, and open to all classes.

III. That Government be requested to make a grant of one lakh of rupees to include one hundred acres of land for the erection of the necessary plant on condition that Missionary Societies secure an equal sum.

IV. That Government also be requested to agree to make an annual grant towards the upkeep of the institution on conditions to be agreed upon by both parties.

V. That the Committee on Medical Work be authorised in consultation with the Western India Branch of the Medical Missionary Association of India to elaborate the scheme, to confer with Government on the subject of securing a Government Grant, also to confer with Missionary Societies with a view to securing their Co-operation, and to take all action necessary for carrying this scheme into effect.

12. Committee on Work in Mass Movement Areas. The Report of the Committee on Work in Mass Movement Areas, sent by the Convener, the Rev. L. E. Linzell, was submitted and was received.

It was resolved:

I. That the Council advise that where in Western India Mass Movement work is carried on or there is a hopeful prospect of it starting, the Churches and Missions concerned see that an adequate supply of Missionaries and Indian workers is provided.

II. That all care be taken that unprepared and unworthy persons be not received into the Christian Church; to this end the Council recommends that Missions engaged in Mass Movement work come to a general arrangement as to the minimum teaching required before baptism.

III. (a) That for the economic welfare of Mass Movement Christians, wherever possible, Co-operative Credit Societies under proper supervision be established; (b) also that encouragement be given to home industries, such as weaving, spinning, rope and mat-making and the like.
IV. That in areas where primary education is not provided by Government or by Missions, the Council recommends the establishment of village day schools for Christian children and of night schools for young men as soon as possible.

V. That the chief festivals of the Christian year and Harvest Festivals be celebrated and all Missions be urged to make these festivals as attractive as possible to the village Christians.

13. Temperance Committee. The Report of the Temperance Committee, sent by the Convener, the Rev. H. G. Howard, was submitted and was received.

*It was resolved:—*

(1) That we extend to Government and to the Bombay Legislative Council our hearty approval of the resolution recently passed by the Council which calls for the appointment of a committee to consider and report in all their aspects upon the question of the drink and drug traffic in this Presidency and their total prohibition.' Members of the missionary body who work among classes where there is much drinking will gladly assist this committee—if so desired—to any information that may be within their power to give.

(2) That we affirm our belief that the most effective method of dealing with the liquor traffic in this country and of removing its manifest evils lies in constant effort to secure total abstinence among individuals and at the same time in action by the State to give effect to the desires of the people in this matter. We urge that such State action should have as its declared goal, in view of the powerful sentiment in India against all indulgence in liquor, the total prohibition of the traffic, and that it should advance toward that goal by the method of local option within the area of a District or a Municipality.

(3) That, further, adequate provision should be made by Government for temperance instruction in all public schools.

(4) That these resolutions be communicated to the Minister in charge of Excise and that the third resolution be also communicated to the Minister in charge of Education.

14. The Treasurer submitted the following statement of accounts which had been audited by the Rev. John McKenzie.
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Audited and found correct

JOHN MCKENZIE

12th November, 1921
15. *It was resolved:*—

That it be an instruction to Conveners of Committees of the Council that in presenting annual reports the first paragraph of each report indicate the dates on which the members of the Committee have met during the year.

16. *It was resolved:*—

That members of Committees of the Council and of the Educational Board who may claim travelling expenses in connection with meetings of these Committees shall be paid third class railway fare.

17. The Council having had the advantage of the attendance of Mr. J. H. Oldham, Secretary of the International Missionary Committee, and of hearing most interesting speeches from him, hereby records its sense of the great services which under God’s blessing he has been able to render to the cause of co-operation between Missions and to that of improving the relations between Governments and Missions, and expresses its gratitude for Mr. Oldham’s visit to this Council and for his valuable contributions to its deliberations.

18. *Co-opted members.* *It was resolved:*—

That the following be co-opted as members of the Council for 1921-22:

Mr. B. N. Athavle, Rev. B. R. Bhaskare, the Bishop of Bombay, Rev. J. F. Edwards, Rev. Dr. Hume, Rev. Canon Joshi, Dr. A. C. Lanester, Miss Latham, Rev. L. E. Linzell, Rev. Dr. Macnicol, Rev. J. McKenzie, Rev. R. S. Modak, Miss Moinet, Bishop Robinson, Mr. D. S. Sawarkar, Miss Sutherland, Dr. W. J. Wanless.

19. *Office-bearers and Executive Committee.*

*It was resolved:*—

That the following be appointed Office-bearers and Executive Committee for 1921-22:

*President:*—Rev. Canon Joshi.

*Secretary and Treasurer:*—Rev. J. R. Cuthbert.

*Executive Committee:*—The President and Secretary *ex officio*, Mr. B. N. Athavale, the Bishop of Bombay, Rev. J. F. Edwards, Rev. L. E. Linzell, and Miss Wingate.
20. **Committees for 1921-22.**

*It was resolved:—*

That Committees of the Council be appointed for 1921-22 as follows:—

*Language School and Examination Committee:*—Rev. B. R. Bhaskare and Rev. W. H. Stephens, for three years; Rev. H. Fairbank and Rev. H. G. Howard, for two years; Rev. J. F. Edwards and Rev. Dr. Macnicol, for one year; these to have power to co-opt three additional members. (Dr. Macnicol Convener)

*Committee on Survey, Comity, and Cooperation:*—Mr. R. A. Adams, Rev. B. R. Bhaskare, Rev. R. D. Bizbee, and Rev. H. J. Lane Smith. (Mr. R. A. Adams, Convener)

*Educational Board:*—The Bishop of Bombay, Rev. J. M. Blough, Miss Bruce, Miss E. A. Gordon, Miss Latham, Rev. J. McKenzie, Mr. J. Maclean, Mr. C. G. Navalkar, Miss R. Navalkar, Mr. D. S. Sawarkar, Rev. G. Wilson, and Rev. H. K. Wright. (The Bishop of Bombay, Chairman, and Mr. J. Maclean, Secretary)

*Committee on Work among Young People:*—Mr. Conyers Baker, Mr. K. K. Benjamin, Mr. H. W. Brown, Rev. G. Clark, Mrs. Hazen, Miss Hewat, Rev. R. S. Modak, and Miss Whealdon. (Mr. Conyers Baker, Convener)

*Committee on Public Questions:*—Mr. B. N. Athavale, the Bishop of Bombay, Rev. J. F. Edwards, Rev. Dr. Hume, Rev. Canon Joshi and Bishop Robinson. (Rev. J. F. Edwards, Convener)


*Literature Committee (Gujarati):*—Rev. J. M. Blough, Rev. C. H. Conley, Rev. Dr. Scott, and three members to be nominated by the Gujarat Missionary Conference. (Rev. Dr. Scott, Convener)
Temperance Committee:—Mr. T. Dobson, Rev. A. T. Hoffert, Rev. H. G. Howard, Rev. Dr. Macnicol, Dr. Harold Mann, Rev. A. Robertson, and Rev. D. A. Yardi. (Rev. A. T., Hoffert, Convener)


Committee on Medical Work:—Dr. Beals, Dr. Corpron, Dr. Cottrell, Dr. Greenfield, Dr. Lankester and Dr. Wanless. (Dr. Wanless, Convener)


The following were appointed as members of the Committee of the Missionary Settlement for University Women:—Miss Bevis, Rev. J. F. Edwards, Mrs. Gray, Miss Hewat, Mr. J. Maclean, and Bishop Robinson.

It was resolved:—

That Mr. D. S. Sawarkar be appointed to represent the Bombay Representative Council on the National Missionary Council for 1922-24, and that the Rev. Canon Joshi and Rev. W. Hazen be appointed as alternates for 1922.

22. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Secretaries and Committee of the Y. W. C. A. for the use of the Y. W. C. A. Hall for the Council Meeting, and for providing tea, and to the Secretaries and Committee of the Y. M. C. A. for the use of the Y. M. C. A. Hall for the Public Meeting, and for arranging to have lunch provided.

23. The Minutes of the Tenth Meeting were read and confirmed.

24. The Meeting was closed at 5-30 on Thursday, 24th November, with the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction.
REPORTS FOR 1920-21

1. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Famine Relief.—A sum of Rs. 5,000 for Famine Relief was received in December, 1920, from the Treasurer of the National Missionary Council. It was allocated as follows:—To the American Marathi Mission Rs. 1,120, to the C. M. S. Rs. 1,120, to the Methodist Episcopal Mission Rs. 345, to the N. M. S. Rs. 175, to the S. P. G. Rs. 1,120, and to the U. F. Church of Scotland Mission Rs. 1,120. A further sum of Rs. 490-7-0 was received in August 1921, and was sent to the Jungle Tribes Mission, Panch Mahals.

Women's College Hall.—The Secretary wrote to ask the Western India Mission Council of the United Free Church of Scotland whether and on what terms the United Free Church Mission would be prepared to allow the Women's College Hall to be erected on the vacant site, belonging to the Mission, on Alexandra Road, and the following reply was received: 'The Western India Mission Council is unable at present to consider any proposals for transferring the land on Alexandra Road in order that it may be used for a Women's College Hall.' In view of the uncertainty of the site on Alexandra Road being available, the Executive Committee decided to take no action in the matter.

The Rev. George Wilson was appointed to serve on the Educational Board in place of the Rev. P. H. Loyd who found himself unable to do so.

The Rev. L. E. Linzell was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee in place of the Rev. C. B. Hill who left on furlough.

The Rev. Bowen Bruere was appointed Convener of the Committee on work among Young People, a post that was left vacant owing to the lamented death of the Rev. L. H. Gates. The Rev. Bowen Bruere was unable to accept the appointment.
Gujarati Literature Missionary.—The Secretary was instructed to write to the Rev. Dr. Scott and to ask him to bring before the Gujarati Missionary Conference the question of the appointment of a half-time Gujarati Literature Missionary with a view to ascertaining how much of the Rs. 5,000 estimated in the Programme of Advance as required for such a Missionary would need to be met by the Indian Literature Fund and how much would be contributed by the Missions in the area.

Contributions to Literature Fund.—After correspondence with the Conveners of the Gujarati and Marathi Literature Committees the Executive decided not to recommend a revised scale of contributions for Vernacular Literature to this meeting of Council. Such a scale will, however, be a necessity in the near future, as the estimated expenditure on Marathi Literature in 1921-22 is considerably greater than the present total income for both Gujarati and Marathi Literature.

J. R. CUTHBERT
Secretary

2. SURVEY AND COMITY COMMITTEE FOR 1921

There was no occasion to call together a meeting of the Committee during the year. Correspondence received from the Rev. H. Gulliford on the subject of Survey was dealt with. The 'Mission and Church Statistics Table' referred to in last year's report has been printed and copies of the same were received from Mr. Gulliford for circulation amongst the Missions working in the Bombay area. These were sent out to the Secretaries of the different Missions and at the time of preparing this report most of them had been returned duly filled up. A complete set of statistics for all the Missions was under preparation, one copy of which will be appended to this report, while another will be sent to Mr. Gulliford for insertion in his records.

A map showing the stations where Mission work is being carried on in the Bombay Presidency has also been prepared and should prove useful in denoting those parts of the field where little or no work is being done.
There were no matters relating to Comity received during the year under report.

R. A. ADAMS
Convener

3. LANGUAGE SCHOOL & EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

I. LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Arrangements for assisting young missionaries in their study of Marathi—which is what the name 'Language School' signifies in this area—have been maintained this year, as in so many previous years, both at Poona and at Mahabaleshwar. The number of pupils who come to Poona for study is not large, but they are usually those who find it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to obtain satisfactory teaching at their own stations. It can hardly be doubted that the efficiency of not a few missionaries, who otherwise would be seriously hindered in all their subsequent service, is greatly increased by the fact that they are able, by the help that the Language School affords, to lay a good foundation for their study of Marathi. Warm thanks are due to the Y. W. C. A. at Poona, and especially to its Secretary, Miss Whealdon, for providing accommodation, which otherwise would be very difficult to obtain, for missionary students at the Y. W C. A. Home and for allowing the Classes of the School to be held there.

The School was as usual transferred to Mahabaleshwar at the beginning of March and was carried on there until May 27 with a very much larger number of pupils than at Poona. As in past years the management of the School during this period of its chief activity was undertaken by Revs. J. F. Edwards and Edward Fairbank, who have once more placed the Committee under a deep debt of gratitude by the way in which they have given themselves to this work. Were it not for the assistance that they have so generously given year after year it is difficult to see how this valuable service could be rendered to the missionary cause. The problem, however, of discovering a way in which it can be made easier for missionaries to find accommodation in Mahabaleshwar, so that they may take advan-
tage of the help of the School, remains unsolved. Messrs Edwards and Fairbank in their Report on the work of the School 'strongly urge the great advisability of some place or places being acquired' at Mahabaleshwar where missionaries attending the School can be accommodated. Such an arrangement, they add, 'could be financed without difficulty by each of the various Missions which send students undertaking a share that would cost less than the present system'. The value of the School at Mahabaleshwar and the desirability of such an arrangement as is suggested being made there are sufficiently proved by the fact that 71 pupils were registered during the hot weather months. The Committee would urge that this question be considered by the Council of Missions and steps be taken to carry into effect the suggestion made above. In Mahabaleshwar eight classes were carried on and 15 pundits were engaged, including Rev. B. P. Hivale, B.A., B.D., whose valuable services were lent by his Mission. Eight lectures were given on subjects relating to the missionary's task and his equipment for it. One or two similar lectures were given in Poona.

In this connection a suggestion has been made by Miss Underhill of the Z. B. M. M., Nasik, which the Representative Council of Missions might consider. The suggestion is that a Board should be formed 'whose function would be to examine candidates on Hinduism, Islam etc., either providing facilities for the study of religions or suggesting courses of study.' If it is thought that Missionary Societies desire that such a Board should be created it might be possible to have, in addition to the compulsory language examinations, an optional examination on this subject. The Language School is not likely to be able to provide facilities of a systematic kind in this connection, though it has always tried to do something to stimulate and guide young missionaries in such study.

II. The Language Examinations

Two regular examinations in Marathi were held during the past year and two supplementary examinations. In the former the total number of those who passed the first year examination was 22, while 25 passed the second year examination. These examinations were held in November and June. It has now been
decided to hold, from the beginning of 1922, three regular examinations each year, namely in February, May and October. Other changes of some importance have been made in the rules. These will be found in the new edition of the Rules and Regulations which is about to be issued.

Very cordial thanks are due to the two chief examiners who have superintended the examinations during the last two years, the Revs. B. Bhaskare and H. G. Howard, as well as to those who have assisted them. It is proving increasingly difficult to secure suitable persons to undertake this important service. The Committee desire to bring to the notice of the members of the various Missions in the Marathi area the need that those competent to do this work should be willing, even at personal inconvenience, to undertake it. The standard of knowledge of the vernacular that is maintained is one measure, and a not unimportant one, of the effectiveness of the work that the foreign missionary will be able to accomplish.

N. MACNICOL
Convener

4. REPORT OF MARATHI LITERATURE COMMITTEE

1. Rev. R. B. Douglas handed over charge of his work to Mr. D. S. Sawarkar on 30th September, 1920, and proceeded on furlough. The latter carried on the work during the year under report, so far as he could, in addition to his official duties, and supervised the work of Mr. D. K. Dhalvani, the half-time assistant. The appointment of Mr. Sawarkar as a full-time Literature Missionary takes effect from 1st October, 1921, in accordance with Minute No. 9 of the last meeting of the Council.

2. The following work was done during the past year:

(1) The preparation of a descriptive catalogue of Marathi Vernacular Literature was taken in hand by Mr Douglas in 1918–19, but owing to more urgent work in hand, the manuscript of the catalogue could not be made ready for the press when he left on furlough last year. He handed over, however, the material he had gathered for the work to
Mr. Dhalvani who went over about 125 books and forwarded his notes to Mr. Douglas, as desired by him, for correction and approval. Mr. Dhalvani reports that the work is now finished.

(2) Two manuscripts were seen through the press during the year, viz., 'Rambhaucha Dusara Dava' or 'Baxter's Second Innings' and 'Upadeshache Sahitya' or 'Short Sermons.'

(3) The following Mss. are now ready for the press:—
'Santa-Charitra Mala' or 'Sketches of Christian Saints' and 'A short Life of Helen Keller.'

(4) A series of short sketches based on Dr. George Matheson's 'Representative Men of the Bible' have been prepared, some of which have appeared in Dnyaanodaya. The Ms. is not yet ready for the press.

(5) Mr. R. A. Joshi completed the translation of Robinson Crusoe. After correcting and revising his work, the Ms. was sent to the Secretary, Tract and Book Society, for publication.

(6) Of the several Mss. handed over by Mr. Douglas, and of those received since September last, 7 were examined; 5 of these were returned to their authors as unsuitable, and in regard to the remaining 2 the authors were asked to revise or re-write them in the light of the suggestions made.

D. S. SAWARKAR
Convener

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK IN MASS-MOVEMENT AREAS

The effectiveness of this Committee was considerably lessened by the loss, through death, of one of its esteemed members, and the Church of Christ in Western India was deeply bereaved, by the passing of Miss Manoramabai. Her wise counsel and her gentle spirit would have made the task of this Commission much easier.
By a Mass Movement we mean a movement along community or class lines of groups of people towards Christ and their acknowledgment of Him by baptism. Such movements are occurring among the lower classes in many sections of India and have resulted in the baptism of vast numbers of men, women and children during the past twenty years. Although Western India has not witnessed such great ingatherings as other parts of the country, yet enquiries bring to light the fact that many thousands of people have entered the Christian Church through such movements in our own Presidency and almost every Mission has gained large accessions thereby.

The classes won by Mass Movement work are illiterate, backward and in abject bondage to the money lenders. Hence every Mission doing Mass movement work is endeavouring to educate the children and to uplift the community economically and socially.

One pleasing fact of Mass movement work is that it reaches the masses. Many thousands of people won to Christ in Mass Movement areas have been taught by faithful pastors in village schools and are now adorning the doctrines of our Divine Master by their simple godly lives.

Another consideration is that the Movement of groups of people together towards Christ offers some protection from the persecution usually waged against new converts and makes the separation of the Christians from their community unnecessary.

Whatever weaknesses may be seen in these movements, and whatever danger we may fear, may be traced largely to the lack of close and personal supervision. Deeply entrenched by centuries of idolatrous superstitions, certain objectionable customs of the old faiths are hard to eradicate; but a determined effort should be made to purge the church of these evils from the very first. The frequent trespass in the matter of child-marriage, marriage by non-Christian rites and the purchase of wives, constitutes a real menace to the development of the Indian Church. Without careful pastoral oversight it is possible for Mass Movement work to become an appalling weakness to the Church of Christ. Hence we utter a word of caution lest we
permit such Movements to move faster than adequate pastoral care can be provided.

L. E. LINZELL

6. REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The sentiment in favour of Temperance during the past year has grown; organizations allied against the drink traffic have become stronger; more aggressive temperance effort is being made in many districts; and the demand for Prohibition in many parts has become so urgent that those in authority are taking notice of it. This is a cause for thanksgiving and at the same time throws out to us a mighty challenge. There is danger that this increased volume of public sentiment either will find expression through unlawful channels, or, failing to reach its desired goal in the near future, will recede to a state of indifference. To avoid these undesirable possibilities trained leadership must be secured to direct the temperance movement along constitutional lines, and the sentiment of the masses against drink must be deepened and grounded by adequate temperance instruction on a much larger scale than heretofore attempted. Nowhere will leaders be found who can direct this movement more wisely than from the missions. Most of them have been in touch with like movements in other countries hence, whatever time and service they can devote to this cause will be not only a help to their various communities but also of service to the entire Presidency.

That your committee may be in a better position to give this cause the help, encouragement and direction it needs we feel they should be granted the privilege of securing, if possible, a secretary who can give part if not full time to the promotion of this cause.

We feel constrained to commend and thank the Women’s Christian Temperance Union for the help and leadership they are giving to this cause throughout India, and especially for the efficient and acceptable service their national organizer, Miss Mary J. Campbell, is now giving in various parts of this Presidency. When at all practicable we believe missionaries will do well to affiliate their temperance activities with the various departments
of work as carried on by the W. C. T. U. Especially in work among men we would recommend that local societies, organized among both Christians and non-Christians, affiliate with the Blue Ribbon Temperance Army, which provides the leadership and direction that all local societies need.

The work committed to your committee to arrange for a temperance conference in this Presidency has not been the success we had hoped. Arrangements were made for the Bombay Temperance Council to call this conference. Their plan was to call together a few of the active leaders of this reform for an exchange of ideas, hence invitations were sent out to only 50 persons. Less than half of these responded. One session was held on the 5th and one on the 7th of March. The best methods of approach to Prohibition, and other available means of securing revenue, were freely discussed. All were agreed that other sources of revenue are available and our goal is Total Prohibition. There was difference of opinion as to the best method of approaching this goal. No resolutions were adopted by this conference, neither were there any definite plans put on foot to further promote our cause. The thought was to get the consensus of opinion of those present and later call a larger conference to which all members of the Legislative Council, among others, would be invited. This conference has not yet materialized.

H. G. HOWARD
Convener

7. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUBERCULOSIS SANITORIUM

The Committee consists of:

Dr. L. H. Beals, American Marathi Mission, Wai.
Dr. C. R. Greenfield, Church of Scotland Mission, Poona.
Dr. A. Lankester, Bombay.
Dr. Alex. Corpron, M. E. Mission, Nadiad.
Dr. W. J. Wanless, Am. Presbyterian Mission, Miraj.

Rev. H. T. Vodden has been out of India and the committee have not had the benefit of his advice since Nov. 1919.
Last year I made a verbal report of the meeting of the Bombay Branch of the Medical Missionary Association of India held in Poona in January 1920, to which the Mother Superior of the Panch Howds Mission was present by invitation. At that meeting the whole proposition was considered and the committee appointed by the Bombay Representative Council was advised to continue further investigation and to correspond with the Government sanitary authorities on the subject. This has been done. The Sanitary Commissioner and the Surgeon General have both expressed a willingness to support the scheme when presented in concrete form.

Of the three places proposed as a possible location for the Sanitorium the committee have unanimously agreed that all things considered the vicinity of Miraj would be most suitable. This location would probably not be very convenient for Missions in Gujarat or the most northern parts of the Presidency but it would be fairly convenient for all other areas. The climate is considered as quite suitable from a sanitary point of view by sanitary authorities and the railway facilities are good. The proposal is to establish the sanatorium on British Territory, which is within a mile and a quarter of the Miraj Mission Hospital with a branch line of the M. & S. M. Railway from Miraj to Sangli running through it. The location is approved by the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner who is familiar with it and the Surgeon General who has also expressed himself as satisfied as to the desirability of the location.

The committee have considered the question of buildings and are of opinion that two laks of rupees would be required to complete an establishment with accommodation for 100 patients. It is proposed that Government should be approached with a request to make a grant of one hundred acres of land and a grant towards buildings amounting in all to one lakh of rupees, the affiliating Missionary Societies subscribing or securing by public subscription the additional lakh required.

The upkeep of the establishment would probably cost up to Rs. 30,000 per annum when fully equipped, the sum to be secured by Government grants, subscriptions from the
Missionary societies and public subscription. This sum would include the expense of providing a necessary tuberculous specialist and a nursing superintendent to reside on the premises.

It is proposed to erect four or five general wards, twelve cottages of varying accommodation for paying patients, an administration building, two bungalows for the doctor and nursing superintendent and the necessary nurses' assistants and servants' quarters together with a suitable water and lighting plants. These would cost all told in the neighbourhood of a lakh and a half.

The institution should be placed under a Board of Directors appointed by the contributing missions and subject to Government inspection. The constitution and rules should correspond to that of the Union Mission Tuberculosis Sanitorium in South India now in successful operation at Madnapali.

For the Committee

W. J. WANLESS, M.D. & A.C.S.
Convener

8. REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL BOARD
FOR 1920-1921

1. The following were the members co-opted to the Board:

Rev. D. Athawale ... S. P. G., Ahmednagar.
Miss Bruce ... A.M.M., "
Rev. G. Clark ... C.M.S., Poona.
" J. R. Cuthbert ... U.F.C.M., Bombay.
" C. B. Hill ... M.E.M., Baroda.
" Canon Joshi ... C.M.S., Bombay.
Dr. A. Lankester ... " "
Rev. Dr. Macnicol ... U.F.C.M., Poona.
Miss Moinet ... M.S.U.W., Bombay.
" Nixon ... Z.B.M.M., "
Rev. A. W. Ross ... G.B.B., Bulsar.
" S. L. Salve ... A.M.M., Ahmednagar.
The Rev. C. B. Hill and Miss Nixon resigned during the year, and Miss E. Newton and Miss Underhill were co-opted in their stead.

The Executive appointed the Rev. G. Wilson in place of the Rev. P. Loyd who had been appointed by the Council, but had declined to act.

In March Miss Manoramabai resigned from the Board owing to ill-health, and her lamented death took place in the following July.

2. As directed by the Council a committee was appointed to prepare a scheme of Scholarships for Indian Christian Children and to place it before Missions in the name of the Council.

3. The scheme for a Women’s Hall was submitted to a conference of Indian Christians, which was asked to send its observations on the scheme to the Executive Committee. These observations are printed as Appendix I for information.

4. In connection with the need for the Union of Work for University Women Students in Bombay a Constitution (printed as Appendix II) for the M. S. U. W. was drafted by a sub-committee and approved by the Board.

5. No progress has been made with the scheme, commended by the Kedgaon Conference of Indian Christians, to establish hostel accommodation for Christian boys engaged in big city-workshops.

6. At the request of a conference of missionaries of the Church of Scotland and of the United Free Church in Western India the Board in December convened a conference of representatives of Mission Schools within the Presidency to consider the place of religious instruction in schools. This Conference passed resolutions on the basis of which a Statement on the Principles of Missionary Educational Work was prepared, and in March published it in English, Marathi and Gujerati. Before this State-
ment was published the Chairman and the Rev. J. McKenzie interviewed the Minister of Education and obtained his views as to possible Conscience Clause legislation.

7. The *Village Education Report* was discussed and, with the help of many district missionaries, the more practical and urgent matters were selected and referred to committees. Extracts from the final reports of these committees are given in Appendix III.

A three weeks' course of instruction for rural school teachers was held in Jalna in October and November. It was conducted by Miss E. A. Gordon and Miss Wheeler. More than forty teachers attended.

During the last four years the American Presbyterian Mission has held at Panhala a Summer School for training teachers from its primary schools.

8. The Conference of Representatives of Schools (para 6) requested the Board to prepare a *statement for presentation to the Home Boards* with reference to the need of greater educational efficiency in all missionary institutions. This was done, and in July the statement was sent to the Missions to be forwarded to their Home Boards.

9. The same Conference asked the Board to arrange for a conference on *Methods of Bible Teaching*, but this was not found practicable during the past year.

10. A committee of the Board has under consideration the principles that should be followed in fixing *salaries of teachers* in mission schools.

11. The following table has been prepared, mainly from the returns made to the Committee on Survey, to show, as far as statistics can, the nature of the policy of missions in Western India in their *educational work*, and the possible missionary influence of that work.

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† Statistics incomplete: totals given within brackets.
‡ Students in Wilson College are included in the numbers of secondary pupils.

JOHN MACLEAN
Secretary

APPENDIX I

Findings of the Conference of Indian Christians on the Scheme for a Women’s Hall

1 The Scheme, as a whole, was approved; it was felt that Indian Christians would greatly appreciate the establishment of a Women’s College Hall and take advantage of it as much as possible.
2 The conference suggested that, in the beginning, only the first two years' College classes might be maintained.

3 As proposed in the scheme, the work of the Hall should be carried on for the first few years in conjunction with the Wilson College.

4 The Hall should, in the beginning, be established in a rented building, and buildings of a permanent character be erected after the Scheme gave promise of success.

5 It was felt that such a scheme would not be of much practical use to Indian Christian women students unless some provision were made for giving them scholarships.

6 Scholarships should be given only to deserving girls, and the amount of the scholarship should be sufficient to defray the boarding charges of the students, i.e. Rs. 25 at least p.m.

APPENDIX II

Draft Scheme for Correlation of Missionary Work among Women Students in Bombay

1. The efficiency and correlation of missionary work among women students in Bombay will best be secured if the Missionary Settlement for University Women and the proposed Union Hall for Women Students are directed each by a separate committee, but these two committees contain a common element, namely, members nominated by the Representative Council of Missions.

2. Although the Union Hall scheme cannot be immediately brought into existence, it is desirable that this system, so far as it concerns the Missionary Settlement, should be carried out forthwith, according to the provisions set forth in the following paragraphs. So soon as the Union Hall comes into existence, the members nominated by the Representative Council of Missions to sit on the Bombay Committee of the Missionary Settlement, will also be members of the Bombay Committee of the Union Hall.
3. The constitution and duties of the Bombay Committee of the Missionary Settlement shall be as follows:

(i) CONSTITUTION

(a) The Bombay Representative Council of Missions shall elect such a number of members to the Bombay Committee of the Missionary Settlement as shall be two-thirds of the number which from time to time is required by the following three provisions (b) to (d).

(b) Any Missionary, or other, Society co-operating in the Settlement by making an annual grant or giving an endowment shall have the right to nominate not more than three members of the Committee; the number of these members being fixed from time to time by resolution of the Committee, subject to the consent of the Representative Council of Missions, according to the amount of support given and the number of Societies co-operating.

(c) The workers at the Settlement shall themselves nominate three members to the Committee who may be either members of the Settlement staff or others.

(d) The Committee thus formed shall on the nomination of the Settlement members co-opt not more than three persons interested in the Settlement or subscribers thereto, resident in Bombay Presidency, to be members of the Committee.

(e) The members of the Committee shall be appointed for one year commencing from the 1st January, and be re-eligible; and, if, in the course of the year, any member shall die, or resign, or leave Bombay for more than six months, his or her place shall be filled up by the same persons as originally nominated him or her, except that the Executive Committee of the Representative Council of Missions shall fill up vacancies in the number of those elected by the Council.

(f) The Committee shall appoint its own Chairman and Secretary, and, if necessary, Treasurer, and, if to any of
these offices it appoint a person not being a member of the Committee, that officer shall not have a vote on the Committee.

(ii) DUTIES

(a) The duties of the Bombay Committee of the M. S. U. W. shall be the general direction and supervision of the work of the Settlement subject to the proviso that it shall not have power to direct that any of the branches of work to which the Settlement is already committed shall be given up except with the consent of the workers at the Settlement and of their Committee at home.

(b) The branches of work to which the Settlement is already committed are:

(1) personal work with individuals, including visiting of families, teaching, etc.

(2) hostel work, including the maintenance of the existing hostel, and an undertaking to staff a hostel for women medical students.

(3) the maintenance of the Holiday House.

(c) In addition to these three branches of work mentioned in the last paragraph fresh work will only be undertaken by the M. S. U. W. with the approval of its Bombay Committee, it being understood that the workers at the Settlement will normally be responsible for presenting to the Committee proposals for fresh work or development of old work.

(d) Public appeals for money and appeals to the Home Boards of the Missionary Societies for assistance will be issued by the Bombay Committee of the M. S. U. W.

APPENDIX III

A. Report of Committee on Vocational Schools:
   Marathi Area (Mr. T. Dobson, convener)

1. The establishment and conduct of Vocational Middle Schools seem to be feasible. As however, there is still a lack of definite information regarding the needs of the several districts
and the work in progress to meet the needs, and as no practical 
experiment has been made along exactly these lines in India, we 
feel that we are not yet in a position to say that the recommenda-
tions of the Commission on Village Education are quite 
applicable to our districts.

2. To obtain the fuller and more definite information 
required, we consider that the next step should be the formation 
of a very strong Committee representative of all Missions in the 
Marathi area.

(a) This Committee should make a survey of the conditions 
existing, seeking similarities and differences, and 
tabulating them.

(b) It should make a survey such as is suggested on page 53 
of the Report’ (of the commercial value of the 
vocations of each district and the proper trade treatment 
of raw materials);

(c) And it should also see if there are any Indians available, 
and how many, for a course of study in the Philippines 
or in America.

The needs are so great, and the experiment so important, 
that the fear of failure and of its effects at this juncture 
should prompt to investigations and preparations that will 
as far as possible ensure success.

Also, in the running of institutions, as frequent changes are 
disastrous and should be avoided, the importance of 
careful initial consideration of method and policy should be 
emphasized.

3. The co-operation of all missions is essential, and the 
above considerations lead us to urge this.

But where any one mission feels financially able and other-
wise ready to carry out such a scheme of Vocational Training, it 
might be recommended to appeal for help to the Committee that 
we suggest should be constituted.

4. We are of opinion that the following principles should be 
adhered to closely in any further steps that may be taken:—

(a) That emphasis on Christian character be the chief 
object of all education under missionary auspices, and
upon such character as a primary requisite in all teachers and supervisors.'

(b) That the staff of the school should have a thoroughly technical education; and that efficient supervision should be arranged for.

(c) That the whole scheme of education in such a school should be simple, and must be designed to meet the needs of life in the villages and to show to the pupils that education is of value in all kinds of work and is a training for all kinds of work.

(d) All local and government facilities should be freely made use of in vocational education.

B. Report of the Committee on Training of Teachers for Rural Schools: Marathi Area

(Miss E. A. Gordon, Convener)

In considering the question of the training of teachers for rural schools, we take it for granted that the general idea of the Rural Middle School (i.e., Vocational Middle School) is accepted. We therefore have in view the training of teachers for (1) village primary schools, (2) rural middle schools.

1. Training of teachers:

The training of the teachers must centre round the rural middle school.

The rural middle school and the training centre must be in a rural district.

We recommend:

(a) Training of Teachers. That suitable leaders be placed in Jalna, Vadala, and Ahmednagar (S. P. G. Mission) or other suitable places to experiment in and develop the training of teachers in connection with a rural middle school.

(b) Short Courses. The present difficulty in regard to untrained teachers must be met in the meantime by short courses. The Educational Board should be informed and kept a record of and give information to missions about any such as may be held.
(c) Leaders. That no trouble or expense be spared to find suitable leaders with adequate knowledge of Indian conditions. *The choice of such leaders is the crux of the question.* Such leaders must be given a free hand to work out their experiments.

2. Finance:
   (a) In the experimental stage the missions most nearly concerned should bear the greater part of the expense.
   (b) The standing of trained village teachers must be secured by adequate and sufficient salaries in order that a supply of teachers will be available.
   (c) Eventually inter-mission cooperation may be needed on a large scale, but in the meantime no large scheme of training can be recommended for this area.

C. Resolutions of the Joint Meeting of Committees on the Vocational Middle School and Teacher Training:
   Gujerat (Rev. A. W. Ross, Convener)
   1. That the various Missions of Gujerat be encouraged to have District Vocational Middle Schools:
      a. In some cases by adding agriculture and industries to existing literary schools, and in others by adding literary to existing industrial schools.
      b. That Missions be encouraged to go ahead with available material and not wait for an expert staff.
      c. That the Vocational Middle School be utilised so as to enable the student to determine more intelligently his vocation, and to develop character by encouraging self-reliance and maintenance.

2. That we accept the recommendation of the Village Commission on Teacher Training, page 92, para. 1, that the Middle School course with industrial or agricultural bias followed by one year of Normal Training will mainly give us the supply of Village School teachers. This year of training to be followed by a postponed year of training or shorter courses of re-training.
a. That a united effort be made to have the present curriculum modified to meet agricultural and industrial needs. The place given to science in the present curriculum offers some scope for modification.

b. Vacations may be utilized for practical work in agriculture and industries.

3. In regard to Teacher Training much more inter-Mission cooperation is desirable.

4. That whole-time Normal-Trained missionaries be made available to head such Training Institutions.

5. That the principles underlying the above resolutions apply equally to schools for boys and girls.

6. That two inter-Mission educational committees be appointed, one of men and one of women; these two committees to act separately or jointly as occasion demands.

D. Report on the Vocational Middle School: Gujerat

1. The aim of the Vocational Middle School is twofold, educational and vocational, based on the belief that the interests of the masses demand industrial training along with literary. Thousands from the very common walks of life have been educated to habits of life in excess of their earning capacity; those who turn out to be unfit for positions requiring literary training are also unprepared for manual work, and fall back into the unprofitable coolie ranks, embittered against the Missions, religion and society.

On the other hand, village life is based on agriculture; and for Missions the question of self-supporting and self-propagating Churches is very largely an economic problem. Hence it is all-important that we give the village people a vitalised education based on their life-interests and activities. The Missions of Gujerat work largely among the depressed classes. The children should have such an education as will fit them for productive, self-sustaining and useful life among their own people. A much larger percentage of our Christians must enter the producing ranks. Honest labour and productive ability must be respected.
2. We believe that the Vocational Middle Schools is pivotal to the educational scheme for the rural classes. We must remember that the majority of village scholars will never go further in school than the primary school, and if they are ever to get help to be more than the ordinary farmer, labourer, or artizan, they must get it during this period. Further, these vocational schools will be the feeders for the training institutes in which agricultural and industrial teaching of a more advanced type should be continued, so that the teacher and preacher can enter intelligently into the life-activities and problems of the people and be a real leader among them.

Even though we emphasise industries, yet, looking to the future good of the Church and society, missions should encourage students to complete the primary school, even though they choose to enter industrial pursuits of life.

3. In Gujerat are many schools wholly literary in type. In others some industrial work is carried on. The I. P. Mission has a small industrial school at Borsad, teaching carpentry, weaving and blacksmithing. At Nadiad the Methodists have a successful technical school, but the tendency of this is city-ward. At Anand the S. A. Mission has a weaving school. The Church of the Brethren has four boarding schools for boys, in all of which agriculture and carpentry are taught, and at Bulsar in addition are tailoring and simple blacksmithing. An agriculture teacher is on the school staff.

In practically all the boarding schools for girls ordinary home duties and sewing of simple garments are taught, while in some of the schools lacemaking, drawn-thread and embroidery work are also taught with some success towards making them cottage industries.

The most noticeable effort in Gujerat to carry out the Village Commission idea is to be found in the Church of the Brethren Mission where thirty to fifty acres of land are provided to each of the four boarding schools for farming purposes and allied industries. Also, to meet the demand for the new type of teacher and preacher, the Mission has purchased 135 acres of farm and building-site land at Ankleswar, near Broach, where there is to be a training institute.
4. The economic status of the student is most important. Now too much depends on foreign funds. Much attention is given to developing high literary capacity, but at the expense of habits of industry, thrift, self-support, and initiative. The ideal of self-support for the student should not be sacrificed to commercial ends, such as having boys and girls make one part of an object constantly instead of whole and varied objects. Again, the managers of institutions should help the student to find as quickly as possible the particular industry they like and hold the student to this industry, in order to develop self-help and an appreciable earning capacity while yet in the vocational middle school period. In this connection it is to be remembered that about one third of the year besides Sundays is given over to vacations and holidays, and use may be made of these to encourage self-help.

5. The cost of establishing a vocational middle school depends on location and cost of land and materials. In most cases agriculture and allied industries need only be added to existing literary schools; and for land, buildings and equipment about ten to fifteen thousand rupees will be required. Much foreign equipment has already been scrapped; it is ludicrous to see a well-equipped shop with the boys perched on the benches doing the work in Indian fashion. Adaptation to India's needs is what is wanted.

Report of Literature Committee (Gujarati)

1. We have again to report that it was impossible for the Mission Council of the I. P. Church to set Dr. Scott free for Literature work during the past year. There is, however, a strong probability that arrangements will be made before the end of this year to set him free, so that he expects to be able to take charge of this work early in 1922.

2. Dr. Scott has, during the past year, supervised the Christian literature which issued from the Mission Press, Surat.

The following new books were published during the year:—

1. The remaining portion of Dr. Taylor's Old Testament Introduction, thus completing this valuable work.

We have now in Gujarati scholarly Introductions to all the books of the Old and New Testaments in 3 volumes.
2. The Greatest Work in the World or the Way to Win Men, by S. Eddy, translated by Miss Jamison, B. A.

3. Victory or Defeat, a Temperance story by Miss Marston, translated into Gujarati by Mr. Samuel Jethabhai, B. A.


5. Universal Disease, by Rev. Ramsingh Kahandas.


7. Race Building, by Rev. A. T. Hoffert, B. A.

(These last two are powerful temperance tracts.)

The Gujarati Publication fund of the I. P. Church has accepted for publication a translation of Fosdick's 'Manhood of the Master', made by Mr. Manilal C. Parekh, B. A., and the book is now in the press.

Dr. Scott has engaged a young Christian graduate as assistant in the work of preparing Christian literature, and asks that a grant be made for his salary, which is Rs. 70 per mensem, as from 1st October 1921.

Also he requires a grant for the purpose of remunerating those who have furnished translations or are preparing translations at his suggestions. For this purpose a sum of Rs. 300 (Rs. 500?) would be required.

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